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December 18, 2007

Surface Transportation Board Section of Environmental Analysis 395 East Street, SW Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE:

CSXT Abandonment Ware County, GA

STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 675X)

Dear STB - SEA:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on December 14, 2007, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated December 12, 2007 (received December 18, 2007) from Ms. Barbara Jackson of the Georgia State Clearinghouse stating "...the activity this document was prepared for has been found to be consistent with state social, economic, physical goals, policies, plans and programs with which the State is concerned."

Sincerely,

Attachments

Copy: Mr. Steven Armbrust, CSXT, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202

Mr. Lou Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Ave, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204



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GEORGIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE MEMORANDUM EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 REVIEW PROCESS

TO: Dave Geraci

Network Rationalization CSX Transportation, Inc. 500 Water Street, J200 Jacksonville, FL 32202-9928

FROM: Barbara Jackson

Georgia State Clearinghouse

DATE: 12/12/2007

SUBJECT: Executive Order 12372 Review

PROJECT: ER: Proposed Abandonment of 1.08 miles of rail line from RR milepost AP 587.76 to RR milepost AP 588.84 in Waycross, Ware Co., GA [Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 675X)]

STATE ID: GA071119001

The State level review of the above referenced document has been completed. As a result of the environmental review process, the activity this document was prepared for has been found to be consistent with state social, economic, physical goals, policies, plans, and programs with which the State is concerned.

Additional Comments: The applicant/sponsor is advised to note additional comments from DNR's Historic Preservation Division.

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Office: 404-656-3855

Enc.: Southeast Georgia RDC, Dec. 11, 2007

DOT, Dec. 3, 2007 HPD, Dec. 12, 2007

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GEORGIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE MEMORANDUM **EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 REVIEW PROCESS**

TO:

Barbara Jackson

Georgia State Clearinghouse

270 Washington Street, SW, Eighth Floor

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Noel Holcomb, Commissioner

Historic Preservation Division

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December 10, 2007

Dave Geraci
Manager-Network Rationalization
CSX Transportation
500 Water Street-J200
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

RE: Abandon 1.08 Miles of Railroad, Waycross; From AP 587.76 to AP 588384

Ware County, Georgia

GA-071119-001

Dear Mr. Geraci:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the additional information received concerning the above-referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and its project applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Based on the information submitted, HPD has determined that no archaeological resources that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) will be affected by this undertaking, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1). The subject CSX railroad, which was originally constructed by the Brunswick & Western Railroad between 1889 and 1892, and was later under ownership by several other companies including the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Coast Line, should be considered eligible for listing in the NRHP. HPD believes the proposed project will have **no adverse effect** on the eligible railroad, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1), provided that the rail bed is preserved, as proposed in your letter.

Please refer to the project number referenced above in any future correspondence regarding this matter. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Elizabeth Shirk, Environmental Review Coordinator at (404) 651-6624, or Jackie Horlbeck, Environmental Review Historian, at (404) 651-6777.

Sincerely,

Karen Anderson-Cordova

Unit Manager, Planning and Local Assistance Unit

KAC:jph

cc: Barbara Jackson, Georgia State Clearinghouse

Federal Railroad Administration

Michael Jacobs, Southeast Georgia RDC

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